How Do You Find the Right Fit?

Arts organizations know that partnering with businesses creates a wide variety of mutual benefits. But how do you find the right fit?

- Make a list of potential partners. Consider small and midsize businesses you deal with regularly, contacts from your board and business supporters, members of business networking groups and your local chamber of commerce, or supporters of other nonprofit arts organizations.
- Learn more about their businesses goals and think about how partnering with your organization can help them achieve these goals.
- Get to know owners and executives of businesses to establish a relationship. Get to know their products and services and their customer base.

You can read more, and find other helpful tips here!

Do you have or know of an arts/business partnership you'd like us feature, locally and/or nationally? Send us your stories!
The Role of Culture in the Next Administration

Last week, One Percent for Culture, Teacher's College Columbia University, and Young Audience New York presented a conversation about the future of education and the role that the arts, culture, and arts education play in shaping New York City.

Speaking to a room of over 800 attendees in individual conversations with moderators Kurt Anderson and Leonard Lopate from WNYC New York Public Radio, candidates discussed the role that education, the arts, and culture play in shaping New York's future. Candidates varied on their answers to questions such as: would it be feasible to devote one percent of the city's municipal expense budget to cultural organizations; should Board of Education members include educators and artists; and how can the city ensure artists aren't priced out of neighborhoods they helped build. When asked if they would restore or increase dedicated arts funding in the budget effectively guaranteeing that a portion of city funds are devoted to arts education every year all 14 candidates present expressed their support of the policy goal.

Heather Woodfield, Executive Director, One Percent for Culture, said, "This was the first mayoral forum where the candidates answered questions about the role of culture in the next administration. New York City nonprofit culture creates jobs, spurs economic development, provides supplemental education to New Yorkers of all ages, and plays a vital role in community development and sustainability. One Percent for Culture looks forward to seeing how the next mayor of New York City will support the cultural community and utilize this resource to benefit all of our neighborhoods."

You can read more about the event here and here, and read Twitter highlights on Storify here.


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You can also fill out the application for arts organizations on our website.

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**Intern Program Update**

As we're approaching the end of the ten-week Multicultural Arts Management Internship program, we've been visiting the remaining arts host organizations to learn about their work in the arts and business communities. Intern Ana Keusch hosted a visit at the Bronx Museum of the Arts that started with a tour of *Bronx Calling: The Second AIM Biennial*, which features the work of 73 emerging artists engaged in the Artist in the Marketplace program. The multisite Biennial exhibition is being presented at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, Wave Hill, and UBS's 1285 Avenue of the Americas Art Gallery, through September 8. Ana is working in the external affairs department, and one of her colleagues, Momo Ishiguro, is an ABC/NY intern program alumnus (class of 2012)! Ana has been assisting with grant researching, writing, and reporting, and she is working to develop a new outreach program.

At American Documentary/POV, intern Andrew Craig presented a clip from *American Promise*, then hosted a talkback with the film’s married producer/directors, Joe Brewster and Michele Stephenson. This film offers a rare look into the lives of two middle class Black families as they navigate the ups and downs of parenting and educating their sons. Joe and Michele’s Brooklyn-raised, African-American son spent 13 years at The Dalton School (an elite private school on Manhattan’s Upper East Side), as part of a “diversity initiative.” Their home and family experiences are dutifully and emotionally chronicled as the film grapples with race in America, the achievement gap, methods of education, and the perception of black men in American society. Andrew is working in the development department, researching funding sources to create and activate programming. He’s also been writing and proofreading documents, writing newsletter articles, helping with event planning, and organizing, all with a view to creating sustainable work that will continue past his tenure at the organization.

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**Top:** interns exploring an interactive exhibit at the Bronx Museum of the Arts

**Bottom:** Joe Brewster, Michele Stephenson, and Andrew Craig at American Documentary/POV

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Be an ELNYA Fellow!

The ELNYA Fellows Program is an opportunity for young professionals in the creative industries to play a structured, season-long role in the organization. Through this program, you will build your skill set and expand your networks while directing your talents toward the growth and continued success of ELNYA and your career. We’re looking for Fellows who are in-the-know and of-the-moment, engagers and connectors who have the enthusiasm, talent, and follow-through to create real impact across sectors as arts advocates.

The Fellows program is a 16-month fellowship, spanning September 2013 through December 2014. The first four months will overlap with 2012/2013 Fellows, allowing you to learn and work with them before this year’s cohort takes over.

As a Fellow, you should be prepared to commit about 15 hours a month to ELNYA activities: board meetings, committee meetings, networking opportunities, and a bunch of fun events. This year’s Fellows will serve on one or more specific committees during the course of their fellowship: Career Day Symposium, Digital Media/Communications, Happy Hours/Culture Club, Creative Conversations. (You’ll find much more detail about each committee in the application.)

In general, we’re looking for awesome, forward-thinking people who care about the arts community in NYC. Maybe you work for a theatre company; maybe you work at an investment bank but you’re also a dancer in your free time; maybe you just really like to go to the opera — whether arts is your profession, your passion, or both, you could be a great ELNYA Fellow.

To apply, fill out the application questions in this Word document and send it, along with your resume, to elnyafellows@gmail.com no later than August 19, 2013.

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5 Ways to Make Next Season an Online Success

Are your technology tools serving you well or getting in the way? It’s hard enough to run an arts organization, but when your technology is holding you back it’s like running with weights on your legs. Read more...and then check out how you can ditch those weights!
**Links We Like**

**7 Ways To Boost Your Creativity**
The man behind some of the best advertising of all time, including Levi’s "Launderette" and "Vorsprung Durch Technik" for Audi offers tips on amplifying your creativity.

**Are You Making the Second Ask?**
In the *2013 BCA National Survey of Business Support for the Arts*, two-thirds (66%) of companies that do not currently support the arts reported that they had never been asked to support the arts. But there’s more to generating business support than just asking. Are you making the crucial second ask?

**18 Easy Conversation Starters For Networking Events**
Tips on how you can connect with others in social situations.

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